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1. On 10 August 1955, a meeting took place of the Zittau Kreis Committee of the LDP under the chairmanship of Hummel, the Kreis Secretary. He stated that the following tasks were before the Party:
 - a. A strengthening of support for the state, which in the present political situation must be carried out at all costs. Either a man was for the DDR or he was against it and there could in the future be no neutral position. For example, active participation in bringing in the harvest, in which all democratic parties and mass organizations should take part, was a sign of support for the state. Whoever did not participate stamped himself as an enemy of the regime.
 - b. Strengthening of friendship with the Soviet Union. Whoever was a democrat must also be a friend of the Soviet Union. Support for the Soviet Union was a Party task.
 - c. Strengthening of All-German work by means of exchange of letters and personal contacts with FDP members in West Germany.
 - d. Winning the middle classes for the DDR. The uncooperative attitude of the middle class as regards the workers' and peasants' state because of enemy agitation must be combatted. Examples must be given of how the middle class fare, both in West and in East Germany.
2. In the discussion that followed most of the members of the Committee spoke against the decisions taken at the meeting of the Party in Weimar. They said that now, as in the SED, party work in the LDP was carried out through party orders. It was hopeless to suppose that a liberal party program could be carried on in this way, and that everyone must as far as possible fight against emulation of the SED. Today, party orders as given by party leadership were fairly harmless but tomorrow it could very well be that a situation would arise

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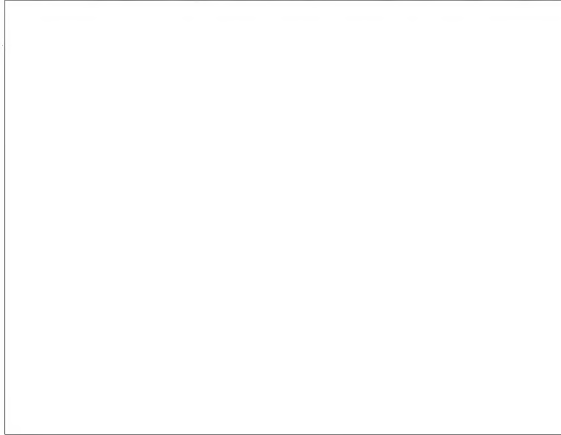
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where the party, like the SED, would take measures against members who refused to follow party orders.

3. Hummel tried to make light of these ideas. He was of the opinion that such developments could not take place in the LDP and that it would always be a liberal party.



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